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SUMMARY: ON JANUARY 17 EMBOFF DISCUSSED STATUS OF
NEGOTIATIONS WITH NORWAY ON PROPOSED NORWEGIAN TRAWLER
FREE ZONES (TFZS) WITH FOREIGN OFFICE CONTACT. FRG IS
QUITE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT REACHING AN AGREEMENT AND
HOPES TO FINISH NEGOTIATIONS AS EARLY AS NEXT WEEK
ONLY REMAINING ISSUES INVOLVE JURISDICTIONS IN TFZS AND
STATUS OF ONE OF THE ZONES. END SUMMARY

1. IN THE COURSE OF EMBOFF VISIT TO FOREIGN OFFICE TO
DISCUSS SEVERAL FRG ISSUES, OUR FOREIGN
OFFICE CONTACT TOOK A RELAXED AND OPTIMISTIC POSITION
ON THE EVENTUAL RESOLUTION OF THIS ISSUE (IN STARK
CONTRAST TO HIS ANALYSIS OF THE PROSPECTS FOR RESOLU-
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TION OF FRG-ICELAND FISHERIES DISPUTE). HE REVIEWED

THE EVENTS OF THE PAST TWO WEEKS AS FOLLOWS.

2. DURING THE FIRST FEW DAYS OF JANUARY, THE UK, FRANCE, AND FRG COORDINATED THEIR POSITIONS ON THE NORWEGIAN TFZ PROPOSAL IN ADVANCE OF MEETINGS SCHEDULED IN OSLO JANUARY 6-9. SINCE THE NORWEGIANS HAD ALREADY DROPPED THE NYSLEPPEN ZONE AND HAD REDUCED THE SIZE OF TWO OTHERS, THE STATUS OF THE SOUTHERNMOST ZONE WAS THE CHIEF ISSUE. THE THREE EC NATIONS TOOK THE COMMON POSITION THAT REDUCTIONS WERE REQUIRED BOTH IN THE SIZE OF THE ZONE AND IN THE LENGTH OF THE PERIOD DURING WHICH TRAWLERS WERE BANNED. GON HAD PROPOSED A SEVEN MONTH BAN FROM OCTOBER THROUGH APRIL, AND THE EC NATIONS WERE EAGER TO REDUCE THE TIME PERIOD BY AT LEAST ONE MONTH AT EACH END. SINCE SOUTHERNMOST ZONE IS ALSO THE ONE MOST HEAVILY FISHED (AND HENCE MOST ECONOMICALLY IMPORTANT) BY EC FISHERMEN, REDUCTIONS IN SIZE WERE ALSO DEEMED NECESSARY TO AVOID A SIGNIFICANT DROP IN THE TOTAL EC FISH CATCH. OUR CONTACT ADDED THAT THE JOINT PROPOSAL BY THE THREE EC NATIONS WOULD PROBABLY RESULT IN A REDUCED TOTAL CATCH FOR FRG FISHERMEN, BUT THE FRG WAS PREPARED TO ACCEPT THIS CONSEQUENCE. THE REDUCTIONS THAT WOULD RESULT UNDER THE NORWEGIAN PROPOSAL, HOWEVER, WERE SIMPLY TOO LARGE TO ACCEPT.

3. THE JURISDICTIONAL ISSUE ALSO WAS NOT RESOLVED, BUT THE FRG IS PREPARED TO TAKE INTERNAL MEASURES THAT ARE REPORTEDLY ACCEPTABLE TO NORWAY. THE FRG WILL SEEK TO PASS FEDERAL LEGISLATION GIVING IT THE POWER TO TRY AND CONVICT VIOLATORS OF THE TRAWLER BAN. NORWAY, FOR ITS PART, WILL THEN RELINQUISH JURISDICTIONAL AUTHORITY. THE EXACT DETAILS OF THIS ARRANGEMENT ARE STILL UNDER DISCUSSION.

4. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE THE MEETINGS LAST WEEK IN OSLO DID NOT REACH THE NEGOTIATIONS STAGE SINCE NORWAY WAS ONLY INTERESTED IN HEARING OUT THE OTHER THREE. THE GON WILL REFLECT ON THE COUNTERPROPOSALS THIS WEEK AND THE PARTIES WILL MEET AGAIN ON/ABOUT

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JANUARY 21. THE FRG IS REASONABLY CONFIDENT THAT A FINAL AGREEMENT WILL EMERGE FROM THESE DISCUSSIONS.

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